



Connecticut Glass Dealers Association

Testimony for Raised Bill:

Raised Bill No. 6735 - AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROVISION OF A LIST OF LICENSES THAT PERFORM AUTOMOTIVE GLASS WORK

The Connecticut Glass Dealers Association (CGDA) represents over 45 glass shops including auto and flat glass in Connecticut. The CGDA promotes the highest standards of ethics in conducting business. The CGDA encourages cooperation among glass dealers so that industry and the public at all times receive the best possible service. We promote the general welfare of our members as it may pertain to matters affecting management, labor relations, legislation and taxes. The CGDA disseminates information to its members with respect to business conditions in the glass industry, new and improved methods of production, technical matters, and generally, ways and means whereby the industry as a whole and the individual members may improve their business to better serve their customers. The CGDA promises to do any and all other livings which come within the scope of the Association's characters and by-laws which will aid any member in the solution of his particular problem. The CGDA acts as a conduit of information concerning the industry to legislative, administrative, and all official bodies and agencies in matters related to the glass industry. The CGDA fosters friendship among members, arranges meetings for the discussion of business problems, and organizes congenial social functions for members.

The Connecticut Glass Dealers Association supports Bill 6735 as a first step towards notifying the consumer about the glass licensing program at the time of a claim.

In the past, testimonies we have heard regarding Third party administrator's state that they have hundreds of licensed shops that do business in Connecticut. Connecticut has roughly 95 AG-1 Auto Glass contractors licensed in the State. So having "hundreds of vendors" on a list was a disturbing revelation. Notifying the consumer at the time of the claim is a positive step forward.

We thank you for your consideration.

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